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A NEW DISCOVERY OF SEVERALL PASSAGES,

performed by the *Malignant Party*, who is resident in the North, and here layd open and made manifest to the publick view of the world.

Describing who hee is, what be his qualities, conditions, aymes and intents, and what hee hath already done;

Endeavouring the desolution of the Parliament, and the disturbance of the peace of the Kingdome, now producing Civill Warre.

Shewing who are the chiefe Noble Men that appeare in these distractions and wicked designes.

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A new Discovery of severall passages, performed by the Malignant Party, &c.

WHen the Parliament endeavoured to worke a reformation of the great disorders, both in the Ecclesiasticall and Civill State, this their pious proceedings drew a more particular envy and *odium* upon it; than was usuall to the generality of Parliaments, & was the first cause that those, who had swallowed up in their thoughts our Religion and Liberties, & now saw themselves defeated by this meanes, bended all their endeavours, and raysed all their forces to destroy it, whereupon they carryed the King from the Parliament to Yorke, and possest him with such a hatred of the Parliament, so that under the pretence of a defensive guard, hee hath by the advise of this Malignant party raysed a great Army.

This malignant party if the word bee taken in the largest sence, are all those who upon different bad respects and to advance their owne wicked purposes, have alienated the Kings affections from the Parliament, set this Kingdome into the combustion of a Civill Warre, and either fearing reformation, or seeking preferment by betraying their Countrey, to serve the Court have combined to bury the happinesse of this Kingdome in the ruine of the Parliament, and afterward to effect that which was first in their invention, that is, the introducing of an arbitrary government, and the changing of Religion into Popery and Superstition.

The name and title of malignant party (now so commonly used) may bee derived from *male agens* or from doing and contriving that which is wicked and evill, as being a company of Royalists gathered about the King, who for their owne safety being most of them delinquents and other ill affected persons, do endeavour like so many *Phaethons* to set the whole Kingdome of England on fire, that so they may see it ruinated in the flames of a Civill warre.

They pretend that they are the Kings friends, and to give a faire colour to their malignant purposes they are fully resolved to defend the Kingdome even to the utmost hazard of their lives and estates, and as they formerly endeavourred and also have prevayled in setting the King against the Parliament, so now they have perswaded his Maiestie to set up his Standard, to raise a great Army, and to give them power and authority under the name of Cavaleers to commit divers outragious insolencies in the Countrey, while they goe about by violence to put in execution the illegall Commission of Array.

The people that doe make up this Malignant party, may be distinguished into severall sorts and kinds, though all ayming at the subversion of the Kingdome, and the conversion of the Protestant Religion into superstitious Popery, they being gather Papists or people popishly enclined, rash unadvised noble men, newtrall Protestants, decayed Gentlemen, Delinquents fearing punishment, cutting Cavaleers indebted persons, loose idle livers, inconsiderate giddy Gentlemen, ambitious discontented Clergy men, and factious tronblesome Lawyers, all which have conspired together to make a Malignant Army upon severall wicked grounds and reasons; The Papists ill affected to the peace and welfare of this Kingdome, fearing that their religion shall bee utterly rooted out of this land, doe all soyne their forces together to oppose the Parliament; in regard

gard they have so vigilently endeavoured to worke a generall reformation, and to extirpate their idolatrous superstition. The unadvised Noble men to gratifie & please the King though against their own Countrey, have by their purses and presence encouraged the Kings Maiestie to a Civill War. The Gentlemen well descended, but of weake and decayd estates, conceive Civill Warre to bee the best way suddenly to rayse their fortunes. The Cavaleers loving to fish in troubled waters, doe imagine that the dissention of a Civill Warre will bee their time of harvest. Others caring not what the cause of the warre be being indebted and rather than they will take paynes in their calling, have recourse unto the warres onely for security and present maintenance Giddy brain'd Gentlemen follow these, misled by scandalous reports, and false surmises of the Parliaments proceedings. The discontented Clergy-men and ambitious Lawyers, although they are no souldiers yet being armed with malicious tongues, the Divine by his preaching and doctrine doth endeavour to stirre up dissention and procure Civill Warre, and the Lawyer against conscience and equity doth possesse the King with quirkes of Law, encouraging him to prosecute illegall courses according to their evill counsells

It was not therefore without good ground hath stood so much to have the disposing of the *Militia* in their owne power, that so the Magazine of Armes in severall Countries, might not bee imployed against the Kingdome but be put into such hands as the Parliament might confide in, to suppresse commotions within our selves. For were these pernicious malignant persons about the King masters of them, how easie would it be for them to master the Parliament and Kingdome? And what could wee expect but mine and destruction from them who make the King revile and detest his Parliament,

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from them who have embarqued the King in so many designes to overthrow this Parliament, and have so long thirsted to see Religion and liberty confounded together?

These and the like are the intentions of the malignant party, who are now gathered into a mighty Army, and amongst the rest the Cavaleers being the Champions of the malignants do commit divers outragious insolencies in severall countryes, killing, robbing and slaying whersoever they come, setting houses on fire, and keeping the Countrey in such subiection that they dare not hardly looke out of doores, riding along as assistants unto those that have commission to compell his Majesties Subiects to submit to the illegall Commission of Array, thereby to strengthen themselves by leauying forces against the Parliament.

And what is the end, in persuance whereof they have thus traiterously combined against this Parliament? Is it not to ruine this Parliament that hath set a stop to the violence so long by them intended? Is it not to induce an alteration of Religion, & the subversion of the Lawes & liberties of the Kingdome? Is it not plainely to bring in popery & Idolatry together with an arbitrary forme of government, that so tyranny accompanied with mercilesse taxes (leavied according to the fancy of a favorite) should not leave the common people anything which they may call their own, all being at the will and disposing of the Prince and some few evill counsellours. And that the Malignant party compounded of severall ill affected persons, who for many reasons above mentioned doe all wickedly conspire against the Parliament, may the better goe through with their worke and accomplish their owne pernicious designes, many Lords and other member of the Parliament instead of discharging their duty in the service of the Parliament, are as they pretend by his Majesties command, but indeed drawne away by their own malevolent and malignant affections gone

to York, there to contribute their advise & assistance to the distruction of the Parliament, endeavouring to possesse the people that the Parliament will take away the Law, & introduce an arbitrary government, & that it had byn much better if this Parliament had never been called, having after three yeares sitting in consultation done nothing for the benefit of the subiect, but by provoking the Kings Majesty, engaged the whole Land into the misery of a civill war. With these & the like false aspersions divers Lords & great personages beeing Papists or popishly enclined, doe in their severall Countreyes endeavour to compell the Subiects & thetrained Bands to obey the Kiugs illegall Commission of Array, raysing to that end both horse and foote in severall Counties to oppose the Parliament & beget a civill war within the Kingdom. The chiefe Noble men that appeare in this rebellious designe are the Earle of Northampton, the L. Dunsmore, L. Willoughby of Er by son to the E. of Lindsey, *Henry Hastings* Esquire, & divers other unknown persons in the Counties of Lincoln, Notringham, Leicester, Warwicke, Oxfordshire, and other places, the Marquesse of Hertford, the L. Paulet, L. Seymer, Sir *Iohn Stawell*, Sir *Ralph Hopton*, *Iohn Digby* Esquire, together with their accomplices, who have gotten together great forces in the County of Sommerset, & doe both there and in other parts of the Kingdom, rayse forces to the disturbance of the peace of the Kingdom. The Lords & Commons therfore in Parliament seeing that the Malignant party doth thus oppose their proceedings have ordayned the E. of Essex L. General. of their forces, to prevent the furious outrages which are daily committed by the malignants. Therefore let all true hearted Subiects come to help the Parliament against this malignant party consisting of Papists, ill affected persons to the Commonwealth, and a multitude of malecontents, that the Devill may not by these evill and malignant agents worke the dissolution of this happy Parliament, and the destruction of the Kingdome.

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